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In re application of:

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**Second Supplemental Preliminary Amendment**

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Sir:

Please enter the following amendment into the application prior to the examination thereof.

Please amend the captioned application as follows:

***In the Claims:***

Please cancel claims 8-12 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Please add the following new claim:

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--13. (New) An axle driving apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said hydraulic pump is located between said hydraulic motor and said axles.--